
FY 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WARE RIVER BRANCH GRADE CROSSING SURFACE PROGRAM IN PALMER & WARE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation (MCER or Railroad) is seeking Contractors to submit a Bid for the following work to reconstruct three (3) railroad grade crossing surfaces on the Ware River Branch:

- Reconstruction of Main Street. and Church Street in Palmer, MA.
- Reconstruction of South Street in Ware, MA.
- Pre-construction survey and as-built construction plans
- City/Town/State Coordination and Approval of Traffic Management Plans (TMP)
- Environmental Permitting Requirements
- Selective brush clearing and tree cutting
- Demolition and excavation of existing grade crossing track, roadway and associated materials
- Demolition of asphalt and concrete sidewalk approaches
- Disposal of removed crossties (both wood and concrete), timbers and road crossing wood timbers
- Disposal of existing roadway materials; concrete, steel, rubber, asphalt, etc.
- Disposal and/or salvage of removed track material; timbers, rails, joint bars, plates, OTM
- Asphalt saw cutting and asphalt milling of existing pavement
- Full depth track construction
- Wasting of excavated material along the Right-of-Way (RoW)
- Furnishing and installation of new crossing crossties (7"x9"x 8'-6"), (7"x9"x 9'-0")
- Furnishing and installation of signal conduit
- Furnishing and installation of stone track ballast
- Furnishing and construction of full depth track section
- Surfacing, lining and tamping track through the grade crossings and approaches
- Furnishing and installation of rubber rail seal/asphalt crossings
- Furnishing and installation of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement roadway and sidewalk surfaces
- Furnishing and installation of HMA sidewalks, curbing and ADA Detectable Warning Panels
- Drainage, ditching and cleaning & flushing of railroad drainage ditch pipe
- Restoration of Railroad Right-of-Way and any disturbed adjacent areas associated with the construction
- Removal and disposal of trash and debris
- Cleanup of the work area
- All other work associated with the Ware River Branch Grade Crossing Surface Program as described in the Project Description and Scope of Work sections of the bid documents and shown on Contract Plans.

Bid Submission

Sealed Bids for the **Ware River Branch – Grade Crossing Surface Program** will be accepted by MCER **until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 2, 2023**. Sealed Bids must be delivered to: **Massachusetts Central Railroad, 2 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069, Attention: Rob Finley**.

Sealed bids will be publicly opened at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

This work is being funded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT or Owner) on railroad lines owned by the MassDOT Rail and Transit Division and inspected and maintained under contract by MCER.

Bid Documents

All prospective bidders may submit a formal request for an electronic copy of the full set of Bid documents to MCER beginning at **2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 11, 2023**. Requests shall be made via email to Rob Finley at rcfinley@verizon.net.

Bid Questions

Questions from prospective bidders concerning the Bid Package are due by **4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2023**. Any questions received after this time will not be considered for review. Questions should be submitted to Rob Finley at rcfinley@verizon.net and william.j.lynch@jacobs.com. Written responses to questions will be provided by **4:00 PM on Friday, January 27, 2023**.

Bids will be considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with statutes governing such contracts under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30 § 39M.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit payable to the MassDOT Rail and Transit Division in the amount of 5% of the bid.

This project is subject to the schedule of prevailing wage rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Division of Occupational Safety.

This project has an MBE/WBE participation goal of **6%** for the work performed under this Contract.

All Contractors and Subcontractors working on the Railroad Right-of-Way (RoW) must have an approved Drug and Alcohol testing plan in compliance with all statutes and regulations administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in implementing the required 49 CFR Part 219 Drug and Alcohol Program. Contractors are required to submit their approved Drug and Alcohol Testing Program along with their bids.

Bidders must be prequalified by the MBTA in Class 1 – General Transit Construction and/or Class 3 – Trackwork for a \$1.65 million contract value. Bidders not prequalified are not eligible to bid.

Bidders must provide a list of projects of similar size and scope and references for three of those projects as identified in the Bid Form section of the Contract Documents. Any subcontractors used on this project are to be submitted to MassDOT for approval.

Pre-Bid Meeting

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be at the Palmer Town Building at **4417 Main St., Palmer, MA 01069 on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 10:00 am** weather permitting, with an on-site inspection of the three crossings immediately following meeting. If adverse weather conditions necessitate a postponement of the pre-bid meeting, notice will be given at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting to qualified firms that requested contract documents from Rob Finley/MCER.

Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is mandatory for all prospective bidders. All attendees accessing Railroad RoW must have the proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) required by MCER including reflective vest, hardhat, safety glasses and safety toed boots. All attendees must at all times comply with all federal, state and local directives, ordinances, laws, health orders and regulations as they concern the COVID-19 pandemic.

Successful Bidder will be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder as determined by MCER and MassDOT based on ability to complete the entire Ware River Branch Grade Crossing Surface Program by **Friday, June 30, 2023**, as described in the Project Description and Scope of Work sections of the bid documents.

The successful bidder, as a condition of contract award, will be required to certify that it is in full compliance with the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Guidelines, and with all COVID-19 guidelines and requirements issued by the CDC and OSHA, and that it has or will make all appropriate updates and revisions to its company-wide Health and Safety Plan to properly address such guidelines and requirements.

The Commonwealth's most recent COVID-19 guidelines and documents can be found on the main page of the MassDOT website and can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-guidelines-and-procedures-for-all-construction-sites-and-workers-at-all-public-work>

It is Contractor's responsibility to stay current with any changes or addendums issued to these guidelines. All costs associated with compliance with this provision are considered incidental to the contract cost. Therefore, Contractor will not be entitled to any additional compensation.

MCER and MassDOT reserve the right to reject any or all Bids, to delete any Bid Items from the Contract or proceed to do any of the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interest of MassDOT and MCER.

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